



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Lyle Bate

Serial No. 09/450,867

Filed: November 30, 1999

For: CACHING AND ACCESSING
RIGHTS IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING
SYSTEM

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Attorney Docket No. 26530.4

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Group Art Unit: 2152

Examiner: Willett, Stephan F.

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed are the following regarding the above-identified patent application:

1. Amendment in response to the September 12, 2002 Office Action;
2. Transmittal sheet in duplicate; and
3. Return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any further fees associated with any of the papers submitted herewith or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Respectfully submitted,

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With regards to the undersigned's telephone conversation with Examiner Willett on May 2, 2003,
Applicants re-submit their response to Official Action mailed September 12, 2002.

Examiner Willett informed the undersigned that the subject response was not received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Therefore, Applicants enclose a copy of the response to Official Action (September 12, 2002) mailed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 12, 2002. A copy of the return postcard showing the United States Patent and Trademark Office received date of December 20, 2002 is enclosed.

Applicant respectfully requests the acceptance of the subject response as timely filed. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number, should he have any questions or comments regarding the response.

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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed September 12, 2002, please consider the following amendment and remarks:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for caching and accessing rights in a distributed computing system, the method comprising the steps of:
 - accessing, by a software agent, a directory service, wherein the agent is located on a deputization point coupled to the directory service; and wherein the directory service comprises the rights of a software principal to a resource;
 - updating, by the agent, the rights to an access control list cache, wherein the access control list cache is coupled to the deputization point and to the principal;
 - receiving, at the access control list cache, a request from the principal for the rights;
 - retrieving, by the access control list cache, the rights; and
 - forwarding, to the principal, the rights.